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App. Serial No. 10/770,882
Atty. Docket No. R029 1450

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 22-28, 30-32, 35, 36, 38, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47 and 49-57 are pending. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objects to the characterization of the slits shown in Figures 5-7 as "apertures." The Examiner bases the objection on the assumption that apertures must have a closed peripheral boundary. Applicants traverse on the grounds that the definition of "aperture" encompasses slits and there is no requirement for a closed boundary.

CONCLUSION

This Response has been timely filed within the allotted one-month time response period set in the Official Action. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the examination and prosecution of this application be performed in an expedited manner. If the Examiner has any comment on this election response, he is invited to contact the listed attorney for further discussion thereof. Applicant reserves his rights to file divisional applications drawn to any non-elected claims, if necessary. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this Response under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted,

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